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SUBJECT:PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT EXERCISE RUM PUNCH '75

ANNOUNCEMENT BELOW IS PROPOSED FOR RELEASE BY CINCLANTFLT  
AND OTHER ADDRESSEES AS NECESSARY AT 1100 LOCAL NORFOLK ON  
21 MARCH 1975 FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF CONCURRENCE ON THE  
PART OF UK AND NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENTS WHICH MAY WISH TO  
MAKE SIMULTANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS. ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED  
TO NOTIFY DEPARTMENT OF HOST GOVERNMENT CONCURRENCE.  
TEXT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: EXERCISE RUM PUNCH '75 WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE  
ISLAND OF VIEQUES, PUERTO RICO FROM MARCH 29 TO APRIL 9,  
1975. THE EXERCISE IS A COMBINED UNITED KINGDOM, NETHER-  
LANDS AND UNITED STATES AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISE CONDUCTED IN  
TWO PHASES, AN AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISE PHASE AND A CROSS  
TRAINING PHASE IN WHICH UNITS OF ONE COUNTRY COMBINE  
FOR TRAINING PURPOSES WITH THEIR COUNTERPART FROM ANOTHER  
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COUNTRY. MARINES FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, NETHERLANDS

AND THE U.S. 38TH MARINE AMPHIBIOUS UNIT FROM CAMP  
LEJEUNE, N.C. WILL TRAIN STAFFS AND FORCES IN PLANNING  
AND COORDINATING COMBINED AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS, USE AND  
COORDINATION OF SUPPORTING ARMS, LOGISTICAL SUPPORT,  
COMBINED COMMUNICATIONS AND JOINT HELICOPTER EXERCISES.  
A NETHERLANDS FRIGATE HNLMS LIMBURG (D 814) WILL PARTICI-

PATE IN THE EXERCISE. BRITISH NAVY SHIPS PARTICIPATING  
WILL BE THE AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE SHIP HERMES (R 12), THE  
LARGE FLEET TANKER TIDE FLOW (A 96), THE FLEET REPLENISH-  
MENT SHIP REGENT (A486) AND THE FRIGATE GURKHA (F 122).  
U.S. NAVY UNITS WILL BE THE AMPHIBIOUS TRANSPORT DOCKS  
SHREVEPORT (LPD 12) (WITH COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON  
8 EMBARKED) AND TRENTON (LPD 14); DOCKLANDING SHIP  
SPIEGEL GROVE (LSD 32); TANK LANDING SHIP SAGINAW  
(LST 1188); SUBMARINE CLAMAGORE (SS 343); PATROL GUNBOATS  
BEACON (PG99), CHALIS (PG 94) AND GREEN BAY (PG 101)  
AND A DETACHMENT FROM PATROL SQUADRON 26. UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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